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TO: MA Licensed Ambulance Services
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FROM: Abdullah Rehayem, Director
RE: Implementation Date for 2007 Medical Control Regulatory Changes
DATE: December 11, 2008

Please be advised that the Department's regulatory amendments and requirements for hospitals to provide medical control services, which were promulgated February 27, 2007, but whose implementation were delayed, will take effect July 1, 2009. This applies to both the Hospital Licensure regulatory changes, at 105 CMR 130.1500 to .1504, as well as the few amendments that were made to the EMS System regulations' affiliation agreements section, at 105 CMR 170.300.

As of July 1, 2009, all ambulance services required to have hospital affiliation agreements under 105 CMR 170.300, must maintain such an agreement with a hospital licensed to provide medical control services under the requirements set forth in 105 CMR 130.1500-1504. Ambulance services that operate in more than one region must have such an agreement in each region in which they are based.

Please review the changes to the regulatory requirements for medical control, primarily made in the Hospital Licensure regulations and explained in policy documents and Frequently Asked Questions on the Department's Division of Health Care Quality website, at

<http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=eohhs2subtopic&L=7&L0=Home&L1=Provider&L2=Certification%2C+Licensure%2C+and+Registration&L3=Facilities&L4=Health+Care+Facilities+and+Programs&L5=Hospitals&L6=Medical+Control+Service&sid=Eeohhs2>.

Please ensure that your affiliation agreement is in compliance with the medical control standards required by 105 CMR 130.1502.

If you have any questions related to Medical Control regulatory requirements, please contact Gail Palmeri, at the Department's Division of Health Care Quality, at gail.palmeri@state.ma.us, or myself, at abdullah.rehayem@state.ma.us.